

## REVIEW

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ease restrictions in a court order regulating the groundfish fishery. The judge did.

• **U.S. Rep. Walter Jones**, a North Carolina Republican, expressed his dissatisfaction with NMFS and its use of old data in deciding to close North Carolina's monkfish fishery. NMFS closed the fishery to protect sea turtles. Only four turtle interactions were observed in 2000, but the agency instead turned to older data.

• **Bob Jones** — Acting on requests from

Jones, director of the Southeastern Fisheries Association, and commercial fishermen the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission got serious about targeting the illegal sale of fish caught by sport fishermen and other individuals not possessing state saltwater products licenses.

• **United Commercial Fisherman's Association** members turned their backs on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at a September meeting to protest appointment of an aquaculture consultant to a seat vacated by retiring Texas shrimp Pete Aparicio. Fishermen were dissatisfied with the balance of the council even before the latest appointments.



Janie Thomas

• **Janie Thomas**, a Fernandina Beach shrimp made history in July when she became the first woman elected president in the 34-year history of the Organized Fishermen of Florida, the largest commercial fisherman's association in the state. She is regarded as an energetic organizer who is not afraid to speak her mind and is a supporter of the eight-state Southern Shrimp Alliance.

• **William Hogarth** — NMFS responded to data that confirmed what summer flounder fishermen have maintained for several years by raising the Atlantic summer flounder quota by 36 percent. "Summer flounder is a fishery management success story," said Hogarth, the agency's director.

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# "45 tons of "Dorada" in 3 nights - thanks to MaxSea"

## Pelagic trawling off the English coast



An interview with  
Frédéric Lequez, the young  
skipper of the *Artemise*, twin  
trawling with his father  
on *Le Majestic*.  
Two trawlers out of Cherbourg  
fitted with the latest MaxSea  
2D/3D PBG since last April.

### Frédéric, how have you been using MaxSea so far?

"We trawl the English coast, north of Cherbourg and Barfleur. Since installing MaxSea, we've been using the 3D for our pelagic fishing to make sure we keep our net clear of the sea floor. It gives us an incredibly detailed picture of the relief down there, so we can trawl as close to the bottom as possible."

### So you have MaxSea hooked up to your depth sounder?

"That's right. First of all we work in 2D, and then switch to 3D for our first sweep. And that's when MaxSea remodels the bottom with exact measurements of every contour so that on subsequent sweeps we can be sure we accurately follow the seabed without ever snagging on anything. It even shows up wrecks to within a few feet, so we never get caught by surprise!"

### Does this mean you can now fish more difficult waters?

"It certainly does! Now that we're using MaxSea, we can trawl where the seabed is very uneven or rocky. There's never any danger of the nets getting fouled. We even fish the Origny trench now at a depth of 500 feet - we'd never have ventured there before! When we used MaxSea in that area, the first sweep

brought up 1600 lbs. of John Dory. And then another time we used it in the vicinity of the Casquets light vessel where the seabed can be really treacherous. We caught 45 tons of Dorada in 3 nights! We've never had a catch like that before!"

### You would say that installing MaxSea is worth the investment?

"You bet it is! In fact, I'd say we've already recouped the cost of getting it fitted. Following the seabed as closely as you can when you use MaxSea inevitably means bigger catches! And of course, that translates into bigger income! You win all around!"

### You'd recommend MaxSea then?

"Without reserve. I'm only glad we were one of the first to get it. I think it's given us an important head start on the competition!"

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